THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Tuesday, 9th August 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION.

Subsidy to Social Welfare Centre at Kalpetta.

* 3 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI (on behalf of Sri M. K. Padmaprabha Gounder) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government give any subsidy to the Social Welfare Centre at Kalpetta in Wynaad taluk;

(*b*) if so, how much; and

(*c*) whether this Government exercise any control over this Centre?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have so far sanctioned a sum of Rs. 6,041–14–0 for the Social Welfare Extension Project in the Malabar district. The Social Welfare Centre (Maternity) at Kalpetta has been set up under the auspices of the above Project.

" (*c*) Yes, Sir.

" The accounts of the Welfare Extension Projects are audited by the Accounts Officer of the State Government. The concerned Collectors and the Assistant Women's Welfare Officers of the Women's Welfare Department are also represented in the Project Implementing Committees."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know, Sir, when this Kalpetta Centre was started, and what is the work so far turned out by the Centre? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, this Centre was started on 31st December 1954 as a maternity centre and as such the work turned out by it related to the maternity functions."

Foreign gifts received in 1954.

* 2019 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have received any foreign gift in 1954, and if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir, a statement [a] containing the particulars is placed on the table of the House."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 835–836 infra.